

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9 & 10, 2010**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven thirty o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the tenth day of March, 2010, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term

Article 2: 2010 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a comprehensive Groundwater Protection Ordinance, including a Groundwater Protection Overlay District.?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes

No

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a comprehensive Lighting Ordinance to limit and control unwanted glare on abutting properties, to help preserve the visibility of night-time skies, and to help preserve the rural character of the town?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes

No

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add corrections and clarifications to existing sign regulation and building setbacks from water bodies, streams and wetlands; add in Article IV, H a setback from a water body's reference line and additional requirements; and change the maximum term for permits in Article X, B, 6 from four (4) years to two (2).?" *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

Yes

No

4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add definitions for "Guest House & Bunk House", "Residential Unit", "Reference Line" and "Ordinary High Water Line?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes

No

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to construct and equip the redesigned transfer station and authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required. Polls to remain open for one hour.)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million and Eighty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$2,087,900) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$329,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	5,000
Municipal Buildings	5,000
Revaluation	32,000
Library	10,000
Fire Equipment	4,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	22,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	15,000
Conservation	<u>5,000</u>
	\$329,000

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$293,650) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Municipal Building Improvements	\$ 7,500
Revaluation	\$ 33,500
Public Works Pick up Truck	\$ 49,650
Library Improvements	\$ 10,000
Public Works Brush Chipper	\$ 10,000
Police Cruiser	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
Total:	\$293,650

This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-capital reserve fund for the purpose of paying legal and other professional fees for the defense of property abatement cases and to name the Selectmen as the agents to expend without further authorization by the legislative body and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Holderness Honor Roll Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Holderness Honor Roll Non-capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance and adding additional names, as needed, to the Holderness Veterans Honor Roll and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in said fund with the funding for this appropriation to come by transfer from the town's undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 (surplus); and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend without further authorization by the legislative body. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fifteen year (15) agreement as participants in the Concord Regional Recovery Cooperative for the disposal of recyclable materials.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizen of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.
This article is by petition.

Article 13: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

HOLDERNESS

Peter Webster, Chairman

BOARD OF

Barbara Currier, Vice-Chairman

SELECTMEN

John Laverack

Suzanne B. Peoples

Christopher Devine

Cumulative Appropriations:

Article	Amount	Purpose
6, 8, 10	\$ 341,500	To Capital Reserve Accounts
3 & 7	\$ 643,650	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$ 985,150	
5	<u>\$ 2,087,900</u>	Operating Budget
	\$ 3,073,050	Proposed Gross Budget